**Dearborn Superior Court 1** 

STATE OF INDIANA IN THE DEARBORN **COURT** ) SS: COUNTY OF GRANT CAUSE NO.

SHANNAN FRAASMAN and HAROLD FRAASMAN, SR., Co-Personal Representatives of the Estate of FELICIA V. FRAASMAN, Deceased

VS.

ANDREW PLOWMAN and L & G TRUCKING, LLC

# **COMPLAINT FOR DAMAGES**

Come now the Plaintiffs, Shannan Fraasman and Harold Fraasman, Sr., Co-Personal Representatives of the Estate of Felicia V. Fraasman, deceased, by counsel, Ken Nunn Law Office, and for their cause of action against the Defendants, Andrew Plowman and L & G Trucking, LLC, alleges and states as follows:

# STATEMENT AND JURISDICTION

- This is a clear liability collision in which Defendants' 2003 Peterbilt tractor-1. trailer was negligently driven by Andrew Plowman, causing a collision with the vehicle driven by Felicia V. Fraasman, deceased. As a result of the collision, Felicia V. Fraasman sustained serious injuries, resulting in her death.
- Jurisdiction and venue are appropriate in Dearborn County, Indiana, as said collision occurred within the boundaries of Grant County, State of Indiana.

# FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION

#### NEGLIGENCE OF TRUCK DRIVER

- Plaintiffs reallege and incorporates herein by reference paragraphs 1 through 2 above as if fully restated verbatim.
- The plaintiffs, Shannan Fraasman and Harold Fraasman, are the mother and father of Felicia V. Fraasman, deceased.

- 5. On or about February 22, 2022, Defendant, Andrew Plowman, negligently drove a tractor-trailer striking and crushing the vehicle driven by Felicia V. Fraasman, deceased.
- 6. Defendant, Andrew Plowman, had a duty to operate his tractor trailer in a safe and reasonable manner.
- 7. Defendant, Andrew Plowman, failed in the above mentioned duties and is therefore negligent.
- 8. Defendant's negligence was the direct and proximate cause of Plaintiff's injuries.
- 9. Felicia V. Fraasman sustained serious injuries which thereafter caused her death on February 22, 2022.
- 10. As a direct and proximate result of Andrew Plowman's negligence, Felicia V. Fraasman incurred medical, funeral, and burial expenses for such decedent in an amount to be proven at the trial of this cause.

# SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION

#### NEGLIGENCE PER SE OF TRUCK DRIVER

- 11. Plaintiffs reallege and incorporates herein by reference paragraphs 1 through 10 above as if fully restated verbatim.
- 12. Andrew Plowman violated state and federal statutes and regulations including but not limited to Title 9 of the Indiana Code.
- 13. Defendant Andrew Plowman's statutory violations directly and proximately caused the damages and injuries of Felicia V. Fraasman, deceased.
- 14. Defendant, Andrew Plowman, is negligent per se based on these statutory and regulatory violations.

# **THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION**

#### RESPONDEAT SUPERIOR OF TRUCK COMPANY

15. Plaintiffs reallege and incorporate herein by reference paragraphs 1 through 14 above as if fully restated verbatim.

16. Defendant, Andrew Plowman, was the employee, agent, servant, or independent contractor for L & G Trucking, LLC. Accordingly, L & G Trucking, LLC, is vicariously liable for the acts of Defendant, Andrew Plowman, for the causes of action above.

WHEREFORE, the Plaintiffs, Shannan Fraasman and Harold Fraasman, Co-Personal Representatives of the Estate of Felicia V. Fraasman, deceased, by counsel, Ken Nunn Law Office, demand judgment against the Defendants, Andrew Plowman and L & G Trucking, LLC, for permanent injuries in a reasonable amount to be determined at the trial of this cause, for medical, funeral, and burial expenses.

#### KEN NUNN LAW OFFICE

BY: s/Nathan D. Foushee

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E-mail: <u>nathanf@kennunn.com</u>

## **REQUEST FOR TRIAL BY JURY**

Comes now the plaintiff, by counsel, Ken Nunn Law Office, and requests that this matter be tried by jury pursuant to Trial Rule 38.

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Fax Number: 812-331-5321

Attorney for Plaintiff

# **APPEARANCE FORM (CIVIL)**

# **Initiating Party**

	CAUSE NO:	15D01-2204-CT-000011
1.	Name of first initiating party	Shannan Fraasman and Harold Fraasman, Sr., Co-Personal Representatives of the Estate of Felicia V. Fraasman, Deceased
2.	Telephone of pro se initiating party	NA
3.	Attorney information (as applicable for service of process)	Nathan D. Foushee #24885-49 Ken Nunn Law Office 104 South Franklin Road Bloomington, IN 47404 PHONE: 812 332-9451 FAX: 812 331-5321 Email: nathanf@kennunn.com
4.	Case type requested	CT (Civil Tort)
5.	Will accept FAX service	YES
6.	Are there related cases	NO
7.	Additional information required by State or Local Rules	
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	nuation of Item 3 (Attorney information plicable for service of process)	

s/Nathan D. Foushee

Attorney-at-Law

(Attorney information shown above.)

#### **Dearborn Superior Court 1**

Dearborn County, Indiana

# CIRCUIT/SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF DEARBORN STATE OF INDIANA COURTHOUSE, 215 WEST HIGH STREET LAWRENCEBURG, INDIANA 47025 TELEPHONE: 812 537-1040

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	Plaintiff(s)	
	VS.	No15D01-2204-CT-000011
Andre	ew Plowman and L & G Trucking, LLC	
	Defendant(s)	
		SUMMONS
	tate of Indiana to Defendant: Andrew Plowma napolis, IN 46237	n, c/o Chris Whitten, Whitten Law Office, 6801 Gray Rd,
	You have been sued by the person(s) named	"plaintiff" in the court stated above.
demai	The nature of the suit against you is stated in and which the plaintiff has made and wants from	the complaint which is attached to this document. It also states the you.
after y	you receive this summons, or judgment will be e	by you or your attorney, within Twenty (20) days, commencing the day entered against you for what the plaintiff has demanded, you have wonted by mail. Such Answer Must Be Made In Court
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Date:	4th day of April, 2022	Sayee L. Janington AM
		CLERK, DEARBORN CIRCUIT COURT
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	house or usual place of abode with some person of suit	nt personally to defendant or by leaving a copy of the summons and complaint at his dwelling able age and discretion residing therein.
	Byd elivering a copy of summons and his dwelling house or usual place of abode.	complaint personally to defendant or by leaving a copy of the summons and complaint at
	By serving his agent as provided by rule, statute or val-	d agreement, to-wit:

KEN NUNN LAW OFFICE

BY: /s/ NATHAN FOUSHEE ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING: I certify that on the day of, 2022, I mailed a copy of this summons defendant(s) by (registered or certified mail requesting a return receipt signed by the addressee only, addressed to e furnished by plaintiff.	
Dated thisday of, 2022.	
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DEARBORN CIRCUIT	COURT
RETURN OF SERVICE OF SUMMONS BY MAIL: I hereby certify that service of summons with return rece	
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DEARBORN CIRCUIT	COURT COURT
CERTIFICATE OF CLERK OF SUMMONS NOT ACCEPTED BY MAIL: I hereby certify that on thedate of this summons and a copy of the complaint to the defendant(s) by (registered or certified) mail, and the same was, 2022, and I did deliver said summons and a copy of the complaint to the Sheriff of Dearborn Coun	s returned without acceptance thisday of
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DEARBORN CIRCUIT	<u>C</u> LERK,
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5. Defendant cannot be found in my bailwick and summons was not served.	
And I now return this writ thisday of, 2022.	
	SHER IFF or DEPUTY
<b>RETURN ON SERVICE OF SUMMONS:</b> I hereby certify that I have served the within summons:	
<ol> <li>By delivery on theday of, 2022 a copy of this summons and a copy of the defendant(s)</li> <li>By leaving on theday of, 2022</li> </ol>	complaint to each of the within named
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#### Dearborn County, Indiana

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Plaintiff(s)

VS.

15D01-2204-CT-000011

Andrew Plowman and L & G Trucking, LLC

Defendant(s)

#### **SUMMONS**

The State of Indiana to Defendant: L & G Trucking, LLC, c/o Chris Whitten, Whitten Law Office, 6801 Gray Rd, Indianapolis, IN 46237

You have been sued by the person(s) named "plaintiff" in the court stated above.

The nature of the suit against you is stated in the complaint which is attached to this document. It also states the demand which the plaintiff has made and wants from you.

You must answer the complaint in writing, by you or your attorney, within Twenty (20) days, commencing the day after you receive this summons, or judgment will be entered against you for what the plaintiff has demanded. You have twentythree (23) days to answer if this summons was received by mail. Such Answer Must Be Made In Court.

If you have a claim for relief against the plaintiff arising from the same transaction or occurrence, you must assert it in your written answer.

4th day of April, 2022 Date:\_\_\_\_

NATHAN D. FOUSHEE, #24885-49 ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF KEN NUNN LAW OFFICE 104 SOUTH FRANKLIN ROAD BLOOMINGTON, IN 47404 TELEPHONE: (812) 332-9451)332-9451 CLERK, DEARBORN CIRCUIT COUL

#### ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF SERVICE OF SUMMONS

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PRAECIP	E: I designate the following mode of service to be used by the Clerk.
XX	By certified or registered mail with return receipt to above address.
	By Sheriff delivering a copy of summons and complaint personally to defendant or by leaving a copy of the summons and complaint at his dwelling house or usual place of abode with some person of suitable age and discretion residing therein.
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	By serving his agent as provided by rule, statute or valid agreement, to-wit:
	KEN NUNN LAW OFFICE

BY: /s/NATHAN FOUSHEE

ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF

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	Plaintiffs,	
v.		) )
	PLOWMAN and CKING, LLC,	) )
	Defendants.	
	API	PEARANCE
	se for the following party	all attorneys listed on this form now appear members: <b>Andrew Plowman and L&amp;G</b>
2. Adda process):	ress of <i>pro se</i> responding j	party or parties (as applicable for service of
Name:		Name
Address:		Address
3. Atto	rney information (as appli	icable for service of process):
Name: Christopher R. Whitten Lia Gucciardi Bowers		Atty. No.: <b>27556-64</b>
Address:	WHITTEN LAW OFFICE LL 6801 Gray Road, Suite Indianapolis, IN 46237	e H Fax: 317/362-0151
4. Will	responding party accept I	FAX service: Yes No X

- 5. If first initiating party filing this case, the Clerk is required to assign this case the following Case Type under Administrative Rule 8(b)(3):
- 6. Additional information required by state or local rule:
- 7. *(Optional)* Additional information to supplement the appearance form submitted by the initiating party:

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### CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2022, I electronically filed the foregoing with the Clerk of the Court using the CM/ECF system, which sent notification to the following CM/ECF participants:

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HAROLD FRAASMAN, SR.,	)
Co-Personal Representatives of the	)
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Deceased,	)
	)
Plaintiffs,	)
	)
v.	)
	)
ANDREW PLOWMAN and	)
L&G TRUCKING, LLC,	)
	)
Defendants.	

## **DEFENDANTS' MOTION FOR ENLARGEMENT OF TIME**

Defendants, Andrew Plowman and L&G Trucking, LLC ("Defendants"), by counsel, respectfully request the Court for an enlargement of time of 30 days to respond to the Complaint for Damages ("Complaint") of Plaintiffs, Shannan Fraasman and Harold Fraasman, Sr., Co-Personal Representatives of the Estate of Felicia V. Fraasman, and in support thereof, state as follows:

- 1. On or about April 11, 2022, Defendants, Andrew Plowman and L&G Trucking, LLC, were served with copies of the Summons and Complaint via certified mail.
- 2. The time for Defendants to respond to Plaintiffs' Complaint has not yet expired.

- 3. Counsel for Defendants require additional time to confer with their clients and to prepare an appropriate response to the Complaint.
  - 4. No prior enlargement of time has been requested or obtained.

WHEREFORE, Defendants, Andrew Plowman and L&G Trucking, LLC, by counsel, respectfully request the Court for an enlargement of time of 30 days up to and including June 10, 2021 in which to respond to the Complaint and for all other just and proper relief in the premises.

Respectfully submitted,

WHITTEN LAW OFFICE LLC

By\_\_\_\_\_

Christopher R. Whitten/#20429-49 Lia Gucciardi Bowers/#27556-64 Counsel for Defendants

#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

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Plaintiffs,	
v.	
ANDREW PLOWMAN and L&G TRUCKING, LLC,	
Defendants.	

# ORDER ON DEFENDANTS' MOTION FOR ENLARGEMENT OF TIME

THIS MATTER having come before the Court on Defendants' Motion for Enlargement of Time.

The Court having been first duly advised, now finds that said motion should be GRANTED.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by this Court that Defendants, Andrew Plowman and L&G Trucking, LLC, shall have up to and including June 10, 2022, in which to respond to Plaintiffs' Complaint for Damages.

Dated: April 18, 2022

JUDGE, Dearborn Superior Court

# Copies to:

Christopher R. Whitten Lia Gucciardi Bowers WHITTEN LAW OFFICE LLC cwhitten@indycounsel.com lbowers@indycounsel.com

Nathan D. Foushee KEN NUNN LAW OFFICE nathanf@kennunn.com Mailer: Ken Nunn Law Office

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# **MOTION FOR TRIAL DATE**

Comes now the plaintiff, by counsel, Nathan D. Foushee, and respectfully requests as follows:

- 1. That this matter be set for jury trial.
- 2. That the date be established by the Court at the telephonic pre-trial conference that is being requested simultaneously with the filing of this Motion.

Respectfully submitted, KEN NUNN LAW OFFICE

By: /s/Nathan Foushee

Nathan Foushee, # 24885-49 Attorney for Plaintiff

# **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2022 a copy of this document was filed electronically. Service of this filing will be made on all registered counsel by operation of the Court's electronic filing system or by mail should counsel not be registered.

Christopher R. Whitten Lia Gucciardi Bowers Whitten Law Office 6801 Gray Road Suite H Indianapolis, IN 46237

KEN NUNN LAW OFFICE

By: /s/Nathan Foushee

Nathan Foushee, # 24885-49 Attorney for Plaintiff

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# **MOTION FOR PRE-TRIAL CONFERENCE**

Comes now the plaintiff, by counsel, Nathan D. Foushee, and respectfully requests the Court to set a telephonic pre-trial conference in this cause of action, in order to set appropriate trial deadlines.

Respectfully submitted, KEN NUNN LAW OFFICE

By: /s/Nathan Foushee

Nathan Foushee, # 24885-49 Attorney for Plaintiff

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# **MOTION FOR MEDIATION ORDER**

Comes now the plaintiff, by counsel, Nathan D. Foushee, and respectfully requests that the Court enter an Order requiring the parties to mediate this case.

Respectfully submitted, KEN NUNN LAW OFFICE

By: /s/Nathan Foushee

Nathan Foushee, # 24885-49 Attorney for Plaintiff

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By: /s/Nathan Foushee

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STATE OF INDIANA	)	IN THE DEARBORN SUPERIOR COURT
	) SS:	
COUNTY OF GRANT	)	CAUSE NO. 15D01-2204-CT-000011

VS.

ANDREW PLOWMAN and L & G TRUCKING, LLC

# **ORDER TO MEDIATE**

Comes now the plaintiff, by counsel, Nathan D. Foushee, and files Motion for mediation Order.

And the Court having considered such motion and being otherwise duly advised in the premises now grants same.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that the parties shall mediate this case.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED** that parties shall agree on a mediator within 30 days from the date of this Order.

ALL OF WHICH IS ORDERED\_\_\_\_\_

Judge, Dearborn Superior Court 1

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## ORDER GRANTING MOTION FOR PRE-TRIAL CONFERENCE

Comes now the plaintiff, by counsel, Nathan D. Foushee, and files Motion for a telephonic Pre-Trial Conference in order to set appropriate trial deadlines.

And the Court having considered such motion and being otherwise duly advised in the premises now grants same.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that this matter be set for a telephonic pre-trial conference on the 2nd day of June, 20\_22 at 3:00 o'clock p.m. Plaintiff's counsel will initiate the call.

ALL OF WHICH IS ORDERED

April 26, 2022

Judge

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# NOTICE OF SELECTION OF MEDIATOR

Comes now the Plaintiff, by counsel, and notifies the Court that the parties have agreed to employ Kyle Baker as mediator in this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

s/Nathan D. Foushee
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Attorney for Plaintiff

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### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that a copy of the above and foregoing has been filed via the Court's online filing system this 19<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2022, and electronically served via the electronic filing system to all counsel of record:

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SHANNAN FRAASMAN and	)
HAROLD FRAASMAN, SR.,	)
Co-Personal Representatives of the	)
Estate of FELICIA V. FRAASMAN,	)
Deceased,	)
	)
Plaintiffs,	)
	)
v.	)
	)
ANDREW PLOWMAN and	)
L&G TRUCKING, LLC,	)
	)
Defendants.	

# ANSWER, AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES AND DEMAND FOR TRIAL BY JURY

Defendants, Andrew Plowman and L&G Trucking, LLC, by counsel, for their Answer to Plaintiffs' Complaint for Damages, state as follows:

#### STATEMENT AND JURISDICTION

1. This is a clear liability collision in which Defendants' 2003 Peterbilt tractor-trailer was negligently driven by Andrew Plowman, causing a collision with the vehicle driven by Felicia V. Fraasman, deceased. As a result of the collision, Felica V. Fraasman sustained serious injuries, resulting in her death.

ANSWER: Defendants admit that Felicia V. Fraasman died as result of injuries sustained in the accident. Defendants deny the remaining allegations contained in paragraph 1 of Plaintiffs' Complaint.

2. Jurisdiction and venue are appropriate in Dearborn County, Indiana, as said collision occurred within the boundaries of Grant County, State of Indiana.

ANSWER: Defendants admit that jurisdiction and venue are appropriate in Dearborn County, Indiana but deny that the collision occurred within the boundaries of Grant County, State of Indiana.

#### FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION

#### NEGLIGENCE OF TRUCK DRIVER

3. Plaintiffs reallege and incorporate herein by reference paragraphs 1 through 2 above as if fully restated verbatim.

ANSWER: Defendants hereby incorporate by reference their responses to paragraphs 1 through 2 of Plaintiffs' Complaint for Damages as if fully set forth herein.

4. The Plaintiffs, Shannan Fraasman and Harold Fraasman, are the mother and father of Felicia V. Fraasman, deceased.

ANSWER: Defendants are without sufficient information or knowledge to either admit or deny the allegations contained in paragraph 4 of Plaintiffs' Complaint and therefore deny same.

5. On or about February 22, 2022, Defendant, Andrew Plowman, negligently drove a tractor-trailer striking and crushing the vehicle driven by Felicia V. Fraasman, deceased.

ANSWER: Defendants deny the allegations contained in paragraph 5 of Plaintiffs' Complaint.

6. Defendant, Andrew Plowman, had a duty to operate his tractor trailer in a safe and reasonable manner.

ANSWER: Defendants admit the allegations contained in paragraph 6 of Plaintiffs' Complaint to the extent they are consistent with Indiana law and Indiana Pattern Jury Instruction.

7. Defendant, Andrew Plowman, failed in the above mentioned duties and is therefore negligent.

ANSWER: Defendants deny the allegations contained in paragraph 7 of Plaintiffs' Complaint.

8. Defendant's negligence was the direct and proximate cause of Plaintiff's injuries.

ANSWER: Defendants deny the allegations contained in paragraph 8 of Plaintiffs' Complaint.

9. Felicia V. Fraasman sustained serious injuries which thereafter caused her death on February 22, 2022.

ANSWER: Defendants admit the allegations contained in paragraph 9 of Plaintiffs' Complaint.

10. As a direct and proximate result of Andrew Plowman's negligence, Felicia V. Fraasman incurred medical, funeral, and burial expenses for such decedent in an amount to be proven at the trial of this cause.

ANSWER: Defendants deny the allegations contained in paragraph 10 of Plaintiffs' Complaint.

## **SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION**

#### NEGLIGENCE PER SE OF TRUCK DRIVER

11. Plaintiffs reallege and incorporate herein by reference paragraphs 1 through 10 above as if fully restated verbatim.

ANSWER: Defendants hereby incorporate by reference their responses to paragraphs 1 through 10 of Plaintiffs' Complaint for Damages as if fully set forth herein.

12. Andrew Plowman violated state and federal statutes and regulations including but not limited to Title 9 of the Indiana Code.

ANSWER: Defendants deny the allegations contained in paragraph 12 of Plaintiffs' Complaint.

13. Defendant Andrew Plowman's statutory violations directly and proximately caused the damages and injuries of Felicia V. Fraasman, deceased.

ANSWER: Defendants deny the allegations contained in paragraph 13 of Plaintiffs' Complaint.

14. Defendant, Andrew Plowman, is negligent per se based on these statutory and regulatory violations.

ANSWER: Defendants deny the allegations contained in paragraph 14 of Plaintiffs' Complaint.

#### THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION

## RESPONDEAT SUPERIOR OF TRUCK COMPANY

15. Plaintiffs reallege and incorporate herein by reference paragraphs 1 through 14 above as if fully restated verbatim.

ANSWER: Defendants hereby incorporate by reference their responses to paragraphs 1 through 14 of Plaintiffs' Complaint for Damages as if fully set forth herein.

16. Defendant, Andrew Plowman, was the employee, agent, servant, or independent contractor for L&G Trucking, LLC. Accordingly, L&G Trucking, LLC is vicariously liable for the acts of Defendant, Andrew Plowman, for the causes of action above.

ANSWER: Defendants admit that Defendant Andrew Plowman was operating a tractor-trailer within the course and scope of his employment with Defendant L&G Trucking, LLC at the time of the subject accident, and admit that L&G Trucking, LLC would be vicariously liability under the doctrine of respondeat superior to the extent that Andrew Plowman is determined to have been negligent and that his negligence proximately caused Felicia V. Fraasman's damages and injuries. Defendants deny that Andrew Plowman was negligent and deny the remaining allegations contained in paragraph 16 of Plaintiffs' Complaint.

## AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES

Defendants, Andrew Plowman and L&G Trucking, LLC, by counsel, for their Affirmative Defenses to Plaintiffs' Complaint for Damages, states as follows:

- 1. Felicia V. Fraasman's negligence exceeds fifty percent (50%) of the total fault attributable to this incident, thereby barring recovery.
- 2. Subject to further discovery, in the event that it is established that the causal negligence of Felicia V. Fraasman is 50% or less, Defendants hereby

assert that the amount of Plaintiffs' damages should be diminished in proportion

to the amount of causal negligence attributable to Felicia V. Fraasman.

3. Subject to further discovery, Plaintiffs may have received payments

from other sources that constitute a collateral source set-off.

4. Defendants hereby specifically deny any and all allegations in

Plaintiffs' Complaint for Damages that were not specifically admitted.

5. Defendants reserve the right to assert additional Affirmative

Defenses.

WHEREFORE, Defendants, Andrew Plowman and L&G Trucking, LLC,

respectfully request that Plaintiffs take nothing by way of their Complaint for

Damages, for costs of this action, and for all other just and proper relief.

**DEMAND FOR TRIAL BY JURY** 

Defendants, Andrew Plowman and L&G Trucking, LLC, by counsel,

respectfully request this matter be tried by a jury.

Respectfully submitted,

WHITTEN LAW OFFICE LLC

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Counsel for Defendants

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#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on the  $27^{th}$  day of May, 2022, I electronically filed the foregoing with the Clerk of the Court using the CM/ECF system, which sent notification to the following CM/ECF participants:

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